



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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**Re: Notice Pursuant to Section 122(j) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act: Participation in Negotiations Regarding the Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate -70; OU 1**

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby notifies the U.S. Department of the Interior, as a Federal Natural Resource Trustee, in accordance with Section 122(j) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9622(j), of pending settlement negotiations concerning the Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate -70; Operable Unit 1 (VB/70; OU1).

The VB/ 70 Site, OU1 includes the residential soils contaminated with heavy metals, including, but not limited to, arsenic and lead, in and around the north Denver area. The description of this site was published in the Federal Register on January 19, 1999. EPA is currently remediating contaminated residential properties. The action level of the residential clean-ups is 70 ppm arsenic and 400 ppm lead. In addition, a program of on-going soil sampling will be implemented



Notice to Federal Trustees

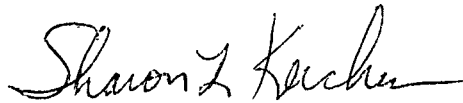
Pursuant to Section 122(j) of CERCLA: Participation in Negotiations  
Regarding the Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate -70; OU 1

for lead and arsenic at all residential properties within the Site that have not already been adequately tested.

The EPA is currently negotiating a Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) settlement for OU1 of the VB/70 site. We encourage you to contact us regarding the Federal Natural Resource Trustee's potential participation in these negotiations. EPA will ensure the reservation of Natural Resource Damage Claims pending any other decision by the Federal Natural Resource Trustee.

Please contact my staff person, Dawn Tesorero, Enforcement Specialist at 303/312/6883 to engage in these negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon L. Kercher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sharon L. Kercher, Director  
Technical Enforcement Program

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